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REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant's Attorney hereby requests an extension of time until March 20, 2004 for filing a response from the decision dated November 20, 2003 of the Examiner's final rejection.

Please charge Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2100 for the requisite Fifty-Five (\$55.00) Dollar extension of time fee.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2100.

A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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